Divorce rates are highest in these cities across the US

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When a couple gets married, they typically expect the union to last forever.

Yet this is not always the case. Among all Americans age 15 and older, 10.9 percent are divorced and have not remarried. An additional 2 percent of people in that age group are separated but not divorced from their spouse.

Couples get divorced any number of reasons, but there are several relatively common causes. A study published in the journal Couple Family Psychology found that lack of commitment was the most often cited reasons for divorce, listed by 75 percent of individual participants. This was followed by infidelity at 59.6 percent, too much arguing at 57.7 percent, and marrying too young at 45.1 percent as the most common causes of divorce. Money problems, substance abuse and domestic violence were also cited as common reasons for divorce.
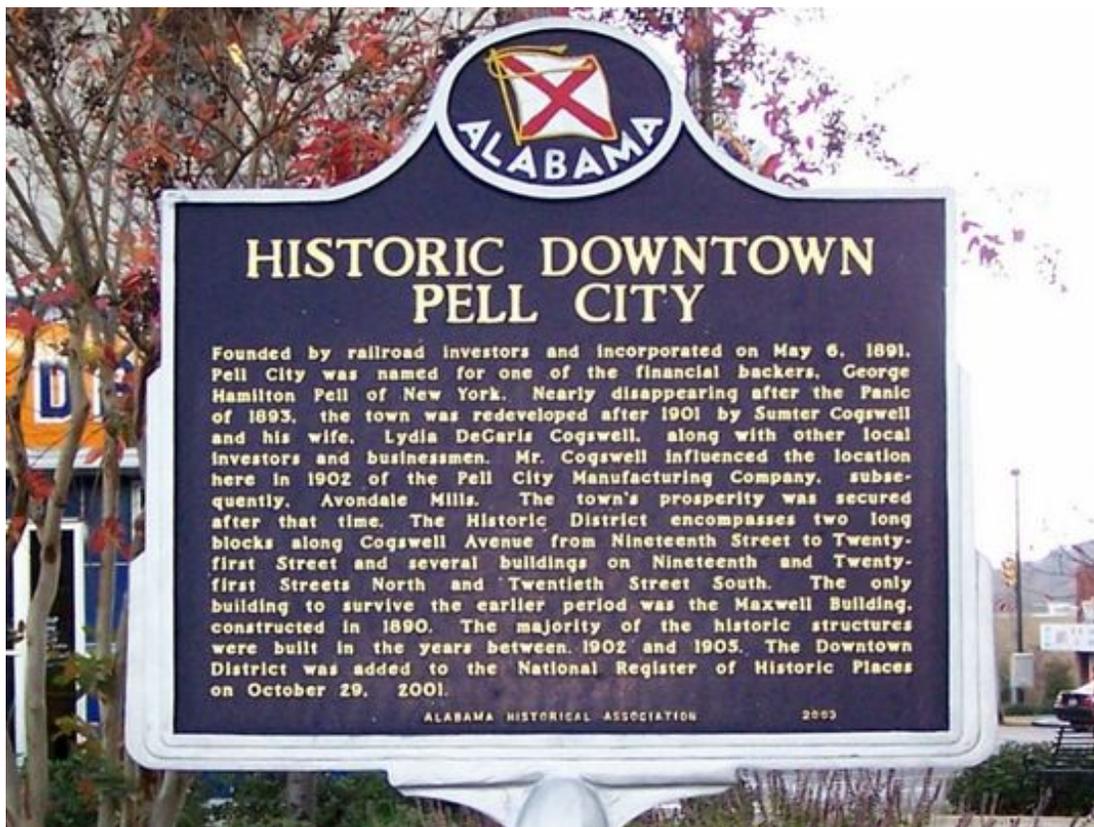
Divorces happen all across the country, but the percentage of the population that is divorced can vary from city to city. In some places, more than 20 percent of residents 15 and older are divorced. Every state has at least one city in which the share of the population

that is divorced exceeds the U.S. divorce percentage. In one state's divorce capital, just 13.3 percent of people 15 and over are divorced. Yet in another, the divorce rate is more than double that at 26.8 percent.

24/7 Wall St. reviewed the percentage of residents who are divorced in each major U.S. city using the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey to determine the divorce capital of each state.

We included the median household income for each state, as financial issues are among the most commonly cited causes of divorce. Those struggling with money are more likely to split up, while people in difficult relationships may be more reluctant to leave if they have a level of financial security that could be jeopardized by a divorce. In all but four state divorce capitals, the median household income is lower than the respective state value.

To identify the divorce capital of every state, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed the percentage of the 15-year-and-older population that is divorced from the Census Bureau's 2017 American Community Survey. Population figures are five-year averages through 2017. Data on household income also comes from the ACS. The Census definition of those who are divorced includes only people who are legally divorced and have not remarried. Those without a final divorce decree are classified as separated.

Alabama: Pell City (Photo: Rtrota / Wikimedia Commons)

1. Alabama: Pell City
• **Divorced population:** 17.7 percent
• **Married population:** 48.7 percent
• **Never married:** 24.6 percent
• **Median household income:** $45,647

2. Alaska: Kenai
• **Divorced population:** 18.6 percent
• **Married population:** 48.4 percent
• **Never married:** 24.9 percent
• **Median household income:** $58,125

3. Arizona: Florence
• **Divorced population:** 19.8 percent
• **Married population:** 31.2 percent
• **Never married:** 42.7 percent
• **Median household income:** $47,188

4. Arkansas: Newport
• **Divorced population:** 24.1 percent
• **Married population:** 28.7 percent
• **Never married:** 32.9 percent
• **Median household income:** $28,872

5. California: Clearlake
• **Divorced population:** 21.4 percent
• **Married population:** 33.1 percent
• **Never married:** 34.7 percent
• **Median household income:** $27,034

6. Colorado: Aspen
• **Divorced population:** 22.9 percent
• **Married population:** 31.4 percent
• **Never married:** 43.3 percent
• **Median household income:** $64,594

7. Connecticut: Rockville
• **Divorced population:** 19.3 percent
• **Married population:** 22.7 percent
• **Never married:** 48.0 percent
• **Median household income:** $37,229

8. Delaware: Elsmere

- **Divorced population:** 18.0 percent
- **Married population:** 30.6 percent
- **Never married:** 44.3 percent
- **Median household income:** $45,660

9. Florida: Southgate

- **Divorced population:** 22.3 percent
- **Married population:** 43.8 percent
- **Never married:** 24.5 percent
- **Median household income:** $48,508

Georgia: Winder (Photo: trainor / Flickr)

10. Georgia: Winder

- **Divorced population:** 18.4 percent
- **Married population:** 38.4 percent
- **Never married:** 31.7 percent
- **Median household income:** $46,310

11. Hawaii: Hawaiian Paradise Park

- **Divorced population:** 16.9 percent
- **Married population:** 48.2 percent

- **Never married:** 26.4 percent
- **Median household income:** $51,908

12. Idaho: Sandpoint
- **Divorced population:** 17.8 percent
- **Married population:** 46.4 percent
- **Never married:** 24.7 percent
- **Median household income:** $36,706

13. Illinois: East Alton
- **Divorced population:** 21.5 percent
- **Married population:** 41.6 percent
- **Never married:** 27.0 percent
- **Median household income:** $46,161

14. Indiana: Rochester
- **Divorced population:** 24.3 percent
- **Married population:** 42.1 percent
- **Never married:** 24.8 percent
- **Median household income:** $40,451

15. Iowa: Knoxville
- **Divorced population:** 16.5 percent
- **Married population:** 46.7 percent
- **Never married:** 26.5 percent
- **Median household income:** $43,986

16. Kansas: Chanute
- **Divorced population:** 18.8 percent
- **Married population:** 48.0 percent
- **Never married:** 22.0 percent
- **Median household income:** $37,118

17. Kentucky: Leitchfield
- **Divorced population:** 21.9 percent
- **Married population:** 44.9 percent
- **Never married:** 19.0 percent
- **Median household income:** $29,553

18. Louisiana: Denham Springs
- **Divorced population:** 19.5 percent
- **Married population:** 38.0 percent

- **Never married:** 32.6 percent
- **Median household income:** $52,649

19. Maine: Augusta
- **Divorced population:** 21.3 percent
- **Married population:** 39.2 percent
- **Never married:** 31.9 percent
- **Median household income:** $40,181

Maryland: Edgewater (Photo: Scott F Smith / Getty Images)

20. Maryland: Edgewater
- **Divorced population:** 15.7 percent
- **Married population:** 47.8 percent
- **Never married:** 29.6 percent
- **Median household income:** $89,159

21. Massachusetts: Whitinsville
- **Divorced population:** 16.9 percent
- **Married population:** 51.4 percent
- **Never married:** 24.6 percent
- **Median household income:** $67,083

22. Michigan: Ishpeming
• **Divorced population:** 20.3 percent
• **Married population:** 40.8 percent
• **Never married:** 28.5 percent
• **Median household income:** $42,075

23. Minnesota: Brainerd
• **Divorced population:** 19.0 percent
• **Married population:** 31.9 percent
• **Never married:** 38.8 percent
• **Median household income:** $34,358

24. Mississippi: Waveland
• **Divorced population:** 19.8 percent
• **Married population:** 36.5 percent
• **Never married:** 27.8 percent
• **Median household income:** $46,453

25. Missouri: Dexter
• **Divorced population:** 21.0 percent
• **Married population:** 43.5 percent
• **Never married:** 19.8 percent
• **Median household income:** $33,813

26. Montana: Helena Valley Southeast
• **Divorced population:** 17.4 percent
• **Married population:** 48.3 percent
• **Never married:** 29.4 percent
• **Median household income:** $48,864

27. Nebraska: Ralston
• **Divorced population:** 16.1 percent
• **Married population:** 45.8 percent
• **Never married:** 29.7 percent
• **Median household income:** $55,837

28. Nevada: Laughlin
• **Divorced population:** 21.8 percent
• **Married population:** 40.1 percent
• **Never married:** 22.1 percent
• **Median household income:** $32,610

29. New Hampshire: Exeter
• **Divorced population:** 18.5 percent
• **Married population:** 47.5 percent
• **Never married:** 27.5 percent
• **Median household income:** $66,412

New Jersey: Crestwood Village (Photo: Mr. MattÃÂ©)

30. New Jersey: Crestwood Village
• **Divorced population:** 16.9 percent
• **Married population:** 43.5 percent
• **Never married:** 9.7 percent
• **Median household income:** $28,081

31. New Mexico: Truth or Consequences
• **Divorced population:** 26.8 percent
• **Married population:** 37.9 percent
• **Never married:** 23.7 percent
• **Median household income:** $27,350

32. New York: Mattydale

• **Divorced population:** 18.3 percent

• **Married population:** 33.3 percent

• **Never married:** 40.3 percent

• **Median household income:** $45,902

33. North Carolina: Hendersonville

• **Divorced population:** 18.5 percent

• **Married population:** 40.1 percent

• **Never married:** 25.1 percent

• **Median household income:** $35,894

34. North Dakota: Devils Lake

• **Divorced population:** 13.3 percent

• **Married population:** 40.2 percent

• **Never married:** 37.1 percent

• **Median household income:** $43,791

35. Ohio: Cambridge

• **Divorced population:** 20.7 percent

• **Married population:** 36.5 percent

• **Never married:** 29.0 percent

• **Median household income:** $30,856

36. Oklahoma: Sallisaw

• **Divorced population:** 19.0 percent

• **Married population:** 46.1 percent

• **Never married:** 24.1 percent

• **Median household income:** $30,000

37. Oregon: Umatilla

• **Divorced population:** 20.1 percent

• **Married population:** 30.0 percent

• **Never married:** 43.8 percent

• **Median household income:** $38,796

38. Pennsylvania: Butler

• **Divorced population:** 18.9 percent

• **Married population:** 33.0 percent

• **Never married:** 37.9 percent

• **Median household income:** $30,266

39. Rhode Island: Westerly
• **Divorced population:** 14.8 percent
• **Married population:** 49.9 percent
• **Never married:** 25.9 percent
• **Median household income:** $60,192

South Carolina: Little River (Photo: DavidByronKeener / Getty Images)

40. South Carolina: Little River
• **Divorced population:** 19.4 percent
• **Married population:** 50.9 percent
• **Never married:** 21.3 percent
• **Median household income:** $47,866

41. South Dakota: Yankton
• **Divorced population:** 14.1 percent
• **Married population:** 47.4 percent
• **Never married:** 30.5 percent
• **Median household income:** $41,727

42. Tennessee: McMinnville
• **Divorced population:** 23.7 percent
• **Married population:** 38.9 percent

• **Never married:** 25.4 percent
• **Median household income:** $32,460

43. Texas: Bonham
• **Divorced population:** 18.5 percent
• **Married population:** 35.3 percent
• **Never married:** 32.0 percent
• **Median household income:** $36,473

44. Utah: Vernal
• **Divorced population:** 19.3 percent
• **Married population:** 45.8 percent
• **Never married:** 28.1 percent
• **Median household income:** $47,150

45. Vermont: Brattleboro
• **Divorced population:** 24.8 percent
• **Married population:** 31.7 percent
• **Never married:** 34.6 percent
• **Median household income:** $39,402

46. Virginia: Sandston
• **Divorced population:** 18.9 percent
• **Married population:** 38.1 percent
• **Never married:** 31.8 percent
• **Median household income:** $45,083

47. Washington: Clarkston
• **Divorced population:** 22.7 percent
• **Married population:** 37.8 percent
• **Never married:** 30.6 percent
• **Median household income:** $35,000

West Virginia: South Charleston (Photo: wissanu01 / Getty Images)

48. West Virginia: South Charleston
• **Divorced population:** 19.8 percent
• **Married population:** 46.4 percent
• **Never married:** 26.6 percent
• **Median household income:** $50,885

49. Wisconsin: Tomah
• **Divorced population:** 18.5 percent
• **Married population:** 39.4 percent
• **Never married:** 31.8 percent
• **Median household income:** $45,876

50. Wyoming: Riverton
• **Divorced population:** 16.5 percent
• **Married population:** 47.4 percent
• **Never married:** 27.9 percent
• **Median household income:** $51,102

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